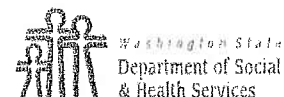




Washington's Social
and Health Services
Provider Payment System

August 15, 2006

WORKSHOP



Dear Medicaid Provider,

There are two separate – yet concurrent – initiatives underway that require coordination between providers and DSHS to ensure timely and accurate Medicaid payments.

1. **Federal Initiative¹**: Adoption of a National Provider Identifier (NPI) – a standard unique identifier for all healthcare providers effective May 23, 2007.
2. **State Initiative²**: Replacement of the DSHS Medicaid payment system with a new system named “ProviderOne” - scheduled for implementation in late 2007.

Because ProviderOne will be implemented after the NPI, DSHS will require providers to submit transactions with the legacy Medicaid identifier along with the NPI after May 23, 2007 and until the implementation of ProviderOne. Providers should ensure that billing systems will continue to support inclusion of legacy Medicaid Id #'s.

We recognize that our new system may result in significant impacts to your own internal systems and operational processes. Our goal is to provide as much lead time and information as possible to help you adequately plan for any modifications.

As a result, DSHS is hosting a series of general workshops around the state to communicate more about these initiatives. Separate forums will be hosted for pharmacies.

National Provider Identifier (NPI) and ProviderOne Workshops

September 15th – October 6th 2006

- Become aware of the effort underway to replace the current Medicaid Management System with ProviderOne;
- Become aware of the high level set of provider readiness activities and tasks;
- Gain a general understanding of NPI, taxonomies and subparts;
- Understand the approach DSHS will take in managing NPI implementation in advance of ProviderOne Implementation;
- ★ Learn why providers need to retain the ability to provide both NPI and current Medicaid ID numbers between 5/23/07 and ProviderOne implementation;
- Understand the implications of the choices when establishing their NPI on payments from the ProviderOne system and;
- Understand the tool DSHS is developing for capturing NPI information.

The workshops will be most beneficial for those who manage Medicaid billing processes and related systems. To ensure we have adequate space and materials, we ask that participants register in advance of the session.

¹ Detailed information about NPI can be found at: <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/dshshipaa>

² Detailed information about ProviderOne can be found at:
<http://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/maa/MMIS/index.htm>